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The local favorite exits the tournament in the quarterfinals

Repentigny, August 30, 2018 – The quarterfinals in the singles competition in the National Bank Canadian junior open Championship promise to be highly competitive and entertaining. On the boys' side, as expected, Hugo Gaston (FRA) reaches the semifinals. However on the girls' side, Viktoriya Dema (UKR) defeated the local favorite, Leylah Annie Fernandez, by score of 6-4, 6-2.

On the girls' side

The last remaining Canadian was shown the exit door by the Ukrainian player before reaching the final 4. Earlier, on the central court, first seed Clara Tauson handily won her match against the Russian Daria Frayman by the score of 6-2, 6-4. Clara Burel (FRA) [4] claimed victory when her opponent Margaryta Bilokin (UKR) withdrew after losing the first set 6-0. Likewise, Elisabetta Cocciaretto (ITA) reached the semifinals round when Kamellia Bartone (LAT) retired midway through the first set when the score was 3-0.

On the boys' side

Another quarterfinal match was cut short when Harry Wendelken (GBR) retired after being led 6-1, 2-0 by Hugo Gaston (FRA). Taisei Ichikawa continues to surprise. After disposing earlier of the 6th seed, he beat the 3rd seed Anton Matusevich by the score of 6-4, 6-2. Another surprising result: Clement Tabur (FRA) [7] unexpectedly lost to Emilio Nava (USA) in 3 hard fought sets of 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. In the last of the quarterfinal singles matches, Rinky Hijikata (AUS) [14] narrowly claimed victory in 2 tight sets of 7-5, 7-6(4), over the 18 year old Ondrej Styler (CZE).

Matches to watch

The doubles final match will be held tomorrow Friday, August 31. On the girls' side Elisabetta Cocciaretto (ITA) and Clara Tauson (DEN) will face Maria Bilokin and Nacho Sato (JPN). On the boys' side, Hugo Gaston [1] and Clement Tabur [7] will play against Arthur Cazaux and Harold Mayot, all from France.

Should Gaston win both the singles and doubles tournaments, it will be the first time in 8 years that both titles are held by the same player...

The featured tournament matches will be presented in the evening.

This is the 33rd edition of the national bank Canadian junior open championship and is proudly held in Repentigny. This tournament is one of the best and most important one of International caliber and hosts the best junior players between the age of 14 and 18, from about 30 different countries.

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